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Information received from W. B. Gohring, 4/1/31.

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The following brief report was made to the Utah-Apex Company by W. B. Gohring, Mining Engineer in March, 1931:

"In your telegram, you asked for my opinion of the value of the mine and I must say that, beyond the very good camp and surface equipment, I do not consider the mine has any present value. There is considerable ore showing that may have 19 or 20 ounces of silver, but there is practically none available that will run over 50 ounces, at which point they tried to hold their shipping grade. I do, however, regard this as a very attractive, good-looking, mine, well-worthy of development.

"The mine is a fissure vein in limestones and quartzite with intrusive igneous rocks showing in several places. The showing is very good on the surface and a tunnel is driven in and follows the vein for several hundred feet. The vein is entirely oxidized in this tunnel but they apparently found a few good silver chloride showings and shipped some ore from between the tunnel and the surface, although there is no extensive stoping. Below this tunnel, the present company has workings on the vein down to the 400 foot level, calling the tunnel the Zero level. On the 400, 300, and 180 foot levels they have drifted for several hundred feet along the vein.

The vein is strong and continuous everywhere but the only ore that could be shipped under their cost conditions was in a chute, maybe sixty or seventy feet along the vein where they stoped to a height of possible seventy-five feet.

"I, myself, averaged all their smelter settlement sheets and find that from December, 1928, to date, they shipped from this chute 2,269 wet tons of ore which averaged $55\frac{1}{2}$ oz. silver and approximately \$1.00 in gold. The ore has practically negligible lead and copper values, although it contains a little of each.

"The above ore chute was stoped from about 200 feet below the tunnel level and the silver values below that seemed to decrease, although the vein is very strong and shows heavy zinc mineralization. There are small showings of high grade silver in several places below, however, and these are well worthy of prospecting.

"As a matter of fact, the faces of the drifts on all levels that I saw showed the vein very strong and well mineralized and I consider that they have every reason to expect other chutes of high grade silver ore.

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the mine that justifies a cash payment on the property; however, if you can tie it up for the cost of work on a 6 month or a year development program, I would recommend it. I believe without any question you can develop some high grade silver ore in a very short time, but I am reluctant to express any opinion as to the ultimate possibilities of the property without a more detailed examination."

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) W. B. Gohring.

A small amount of development has recently been done, but I have no record of the results.

Lease and for ~~Ray & P~~ ~~Fleming & Pajon~~
have a lease right, mine is on Pajon Hill
about 20 m of Ray

Florence Lead Silver

413 Heard Bldg.

March 14, 1931.

Air Mail

Mr. R. F. Haffenreffer, President
Utah Apex Mining Company,
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Mr. Haffenreffer:

Upon arriving at the Florence-Lead-Silver Mine, the other day, I found things in a rather chaotic condition. They were pulling a pump from the bottom of the mine and I was, therefore, held up a day before I could inspect the underground workings.

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